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John A. Mason
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Commander John A. Mzson - 1944'
President Martha Mason Lipski - 1944

An amount of War Bonds sold was $901,650.00. Citations for this termendous job was: Marion Nares, Stella Karalaitis, Martha Mason Lipski, Marie Mason, Mary Miksis, Marian Sebastian, Nora Gugis, Antoinette Ezerski, and Helen Zuris. A donation of #2,744.00 was donated to the Red Cross War Relief Campaign. Working with the Red Cross, Unit members spent 13,780 hours making surgical dressings. Contributions of stuffed animals in an amount of $420.00 was given to St. Joseph's Home of the Friendless.

The Drum & Bugle Corp participated in 20 patriotic affairs and War Bond Drives. Many other achievements were accomplished.

LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN GIVE

Participating in giving $2,000 to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund by the Darius-Girenas Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 271, 4416 S. Western avenue, were the Mothers Service Club of the Lithuanian national group, the Red Cross Unit of the Women's Auxiliary and the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post itself. Last year these organizations of the Lithuanian-American group gave to the War Fund $1,251. Of the total $2,000 contributed this year the Legion Post gave $1,000, and the Mother's Service Club $285.31. The remainder was contributed by the Women's Auxiliary and the Red Cross Unit with memberships of 155 and 100 respectively. In the picture, left to right, are Mrs. Karienauskas of the Mother's Service Club, Mrs. Helen Kareiva, chairman of the Red Cross Unit, and Mrs. Pauline Kilkunas, member of the Auxiliary and Mother's Service Club and Red Cross unit.

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D-G. AUX. 271 - RED CROSS PROGRAM

Lithuanians Pay Tribute to Fliers Darius, Girenas

More than 1,000 Americans of Lithuanian descent paid homage Sunday to the memory of two Chicago fliers who lost their lives in a trans-Atlantic flight 12 years ago.

In 1933 Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas on a flight from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania, crashed in Germany only 400 miles from their goal.

A large granite and marble monument was built in their honor in Marquette park, Marquette road and California avenue, in the center of a community with a predominantly Lithuanian population.

Each year the American Legion post named after the fliers, the Darius-Girenas post 271, holds a memorial service at the monument.

Speakers at the service included Joseph Rachus, commander of the post, and Paul Armstrong, state director of selective service. The service was preceded by a parade of Legionnaires and members of Lithuanian organizations.

1944 Certificate of Membership

Darius - Girenas Aux Unit 271

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

War Fund Contribution $ 25.00

Helen Kareiva — Red Cross Representative

Thomas H. Dixon — Chairman